

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

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1-12 (Cancelled)

13 (New): A method of producing a polyvinyl alcohol polymer film which comprises:

contacting a polyvinyl alcohol polymer with a surface for drying (first drying surface) to obtain a polyvinyl alcohol polymer film,

wherein the length of the first drying surface is within the range of 3m to 200m, and

wherein the water content of the film when peeled after passing through the first drying surface ranges from 10% to 50% by weight.

14 (New): The method of Claim 13, wherein both sides of the polyvinyl alcohol polymer film are dried to form a film in two stages of said first drying surface and a subsequent second drying surface or in more stages, while one side of the film being dried by the first drying surface and the other side of the film being dried by the second drying surface.

15 (New) The method of Claim 13, wherein the width of the film is 2m or more.

16 (New): The method of Claim 13, wherein the length of said second drying surface is 1.2 times or less of the length of said first drying surface.

17 (New) A polyvinyl alcohol polymer film produced by the method of Claim 13, which is characterized by a difference in retardation between two points separated by 1 cm along the TD direction of the film of 5 nm or less.

18 (New): A polyvinyl alcohol polymer film produced by the method of Claim 14, which is characterized by a difference in retardation between two points separated by 1 cm along the TD direction of the film of 5 nm or less.

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19 (New): A polyvinyl alcohol polymer film produced by the method of Claim 15, which is characterized by a difference in retardation between two points separated by 1 cm along the TD direction of the film of 5 nm or less.

20 (New): A polyvinyl alcohol polymer film which has a difference in retardation between two points separated by 1 cm along the TD direction of the film of 5 nm or less.

21 (New): The polyvinyl alcohol film of Claim 20, which has a difference in retardation between two points separated by 1 cm along the TD direction of the film of 4 nm or less.

22 (New): The polyvinyl alcohol film of Claim 20, which has a difference in retardation between two points separated by 1 cm along the TD direction of the film of 3 nm or less.

23 (New): The polyvinyl alcohol film of Claim 20, which has a thickness ranging from 5 to 150  $\mu\text{m}$ .

24 (New): The polyvinyl alcohol film of Claim 20, which has a thickness ranging from 35 to 80  $\mu\text{m}$ .

25 (New): The polyvinyl alcohol film of Claim 20, which has a width of 2 m or more.

26 (New): The polyvinyl alcohol film of Claim 20, which is produced using polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) having a degree of polymerization of at least 500.

27 (New): The polyvinyl alcohol film of Claim 20, which is produced using polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) having a degree of polymerization of at least 2500.

28 (New): The polyvinyl alcohol film of Claim 20, which is produced using polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) having a degree of hydrolysis of at least 90 mol%.

29 (New): The polyvinyl alcohol film of Claim 20, which is produced using polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) having a degree of hydrolysis of at least 99 mol%.

30 (New): The polyvinyl alcohol polymer film of Claim 20 that is suitable for use as a polarization film.

31 (New): A polarization film comprising the polyvinyl alcohol polymer film of Claim 20.

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32 (New): A liquid crystal display (LCD) comprising the film of Claim 20.

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